Ay, even such heaps and sums of love and wealth, As shall to thee blot out what wrongs were theirs, And write in thee the figures of their love, Ever to read them thine.

TIM. You witch me in it; Surprize me to the very brink of tears : Lend me a fool's heart, and a woman's eyes, And I'll beweep these comforts, worthy senators.

1 *SEN.* Therefore, so please thee to return with us,
And of our Athens (thine, and ours,) to take The captainship, thou shalt be met with thanks, Allow'd with absolute power[6], and thy good name Live with authority :—so soon we shall drive back Of Alcibiades the approaches wild ; Who, like a boar too savage, doth root up[7] His country's peace.

I know not whether my reading will be thought to rectify It. I take the meaning to be, [c] We will give thee a recompense that our offences cannot outweigh, *heaps of wealth down by the dram,* or delivered according to the exactest measure.[1] A little disorder may perhaps have happened in transcribing, which may be reformed by reading:

"----------Ay, ev'n such heaps$_s$
*[e] And sums of love and wealth, down by the dram,
" As shall to thee-." JOHNSON.

A recompense so large, that the offence they have committed, though every dram of that offence should be put into the scale, cannot counterpoise it. The recompense will outweigh the offence, which instead of *weighing down* the scale in which it is placed will kick the beam. MALONE.

The speaker means, a recompense that shall more than counterpoise their offences, though weighed with the most scrupulous exactness. M, MASON.

6 ALLOW'D with absolute power,] *Allowed* is *licensed, privileged, uncontrolled.* So of a buffoon, in Love's Labour's Lost, it is said, that he is *allowed,* that is, at liberty to say what he will, a privileged scoffer. JOHNSON.

7 —like a BOAR, too SAVAGE, doth EOOT-XJP—] This image might have been caught from Psalm lxxx. 13: ** *The tuild boar* out of the wood doth *root* it wp," &c. STEEVENS.